THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As per available information, no such information has come to the notice of the Government. Article 348(1) of the Constitution of India provides that all proceedings in the Supreme Court and in every High Court shall be in English language until Parliament by law otherwise provides.

Under Article 348(2) the Governor of the State may with the previous consent of the president, authorize the use of the Hindi language or any other language used for any official purpose of the State, in the proceedings of the High Court having its principal seat in that State provided that decrees, judgements or orders passed by such High Courts shall be in English.

Under Section 7 of the Official Language Act, 1963, the use of Hindi or official language of a State in addition to the English language may be authorized, with the consent of the President of India, by the Governor of the State for the purpose of judgments etc. made by the High Court for that State.

So far the Governors of four States namely; Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have authorized the use of Hindi in addition to English language in the proceedings as well as the judgments, decrees etc. of the High Courts in their States.

Lok Adalats

31. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Lok Adalats organised during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of cases disposed of in those Lok Adalats during the above said period, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more Lok Adalats during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of Lok Adalats organised and cases disposed of year-wise and state-wise during the last three years is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Organising Lok Adalats is a continuous process and the same is need based. All help and assistance is provided by the Government to States for setting up more and more Lok Adalats.

Statement

The Number of Lok Adalats Organised and Cases Disposed of during each of the Last 3 Calendar Years i.e.2003,2004 and 2005

Sl. No.	Name of the State Legal Services Authority	2003 No. of Lok Adalat Held	2003 No. of Cases Disposed	2004 No. of Lok Adalat Held	2004 No. of Cases Disposed	2005 No. of Lok Adalat Held	2005 No. of Cases Disposed
1	Andhra Pradesh	84.38	79497	10070	82888	10751	84435
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10.	478	15	605	29	913
3	Assam	374	17864	501	24388	330	23996
4	Bihar	2147	48240	2179	43667	1616	67605
5	Chhattisgarh	281	2904	352	1426	570	3342
6	Goa	80	472	82	444	77	518
7	Gujarat	7286	328798	8657	259664	8386	294484
8	Haryana	201	43296	234	40592	379	82529
9	Himachal Pradesh	447	4601	459	4234	449	3962
10	Jammu & Kashmir	234	4587	213	3555	295	3845
11	Jharkhand	85	14150	109	11380	300	16349
12	Karnataka	1724	24480	2484	39087	3641	44605
13	Kerala	1707	10233	2222	16331	687	10496
14	Madhya Pradesh	1210	23844	1381	27096	2139	71348
15	Maharashtra	1365	28205	2876	30748	2668	42134
16	Manipur	3	142	3	138	12	302
17	Meghalaya	5	284	8	742	3	226
18	Mizoram	64	39	100	84	162	152
19	Nagaland	1	96	1	39	1	31
20	Orissa	770	200098	772	192711	785	17881
21	Punjab	399	52868	480	16168	441	54055
22	Rajasthan	7594	118768	13583	150312	14745	109232
23	Sikkim	96	687	99	530	104	322
24	Tamil Nadu	5781	45194	6851	49231	4483	41933
25	Tripura	86	1149	58	590	201	4627
26	Uttar Pradesh	1830	359848	3922	422016	3596	328128
27	Uttaranchal	98	19363	119	19707	91	16351
28	West Bengal	200	5164	740	5213	677	7965
29	And. & Nico. Islands	15	41	8	213	1	37
30	U.T. Chandigarh	25	2806	30	3163	18	4279
31	D & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	290
32	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	Delhi	643	6675	634	7455	654	9605
34	Lakshadweep	2	1	1	1	2	1
35	Pondicherry	17	602	64	1036	64	765